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SUBJ: IV GRANTEES

1. PROPOSE MAHAMAT "BABA" MOUSTAPHA FOR IV GRANT IN JULY, AUGUST, 1975. CHADIAN, BORN BOGO, CHAD, 1952. THE WINNING PLAYWRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF ONE OF TWO THEATER GROUPS IN COUNTRY. HE IS CURRENTLY FINAL YEAR STUDENT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION AND JUNIOR YEAR STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF CHAD'S FACULTY OF LAW. MEMBER OF SOCIETY OF DRAMATIC AUTHORS AND COMPOSERS OF PARIS; HIS PLAY "MAKARIE AUX EPINES" WON FIRST PRIZE IN INTERAFRICAN THEATER COMPETITION OF 1973 AND IN 1972 HIS PLAY "SORTILEGES DANS LES TENEBRES" WON FIRST PRIZE AT TOURNAINE FESTIVAL.

2. NEVER VISITED U.S. SINGLE, MOSLEM. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS AND SEEING SMALL EXPERIMENTAL THEATER COMPANIES IN ACTION, AS WELL AS SEVERAL LARGE STAGE PRODUCTIONS. WOULD NEED INTERPRETER. ESTIMATE ENGLISH AT S-1, R-2 LEVEL. DESPITE LANGUAGE LIMITATION, BELIEVE HE WOULD BE TREMENDOUS HIT WITH US INFORMAL AND MINORITY THEATER GROUPS.

3. AS SEPARATE IDEA, WOULD CU CONSIDER YOUNG MAN OF SUCH OBVIOUS PROMISE AS MOUSTAPHA FOR IOWA WRITERS PROJECT? IF SO, COULD POST USE IV FUNDS FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSIVE ENGLISH AT GEORGETOWN. ADVISE.DWYER

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